

Sinclair  
Broadcasting is a  
far greater threat  
to our society than  
Janet Jackson's  
breast.

Sinclair  
Broadcasting's  
decision to force  
their stations to  
air an anti-Kerry  
documentary days  
before the election  
is a clear example  
of the dangers of  
media consolidation.

While it is fine for  
Sinclair to offer  
programming to its  
affiliates to pick  
up or not, it  
crosses the line for  
one office to  
pre-empt programming  
across an entire  
nation for political  
purposes. As this  
program in question  
is clearly a  
partisan opinion in  
a political contest,  
Sinclair should be  
required, as  
condition of use of  
public airwaves to  
give equal time to  
opposing viewpoints.

Sinclair's actions  
show why we need to  
strengthen media  
ownership rules, not  
weaken them. They  
show why the license  
renewal process  
needs to involve  
more than a returned  
postcard.

Public airwaves  
should not be "free"  
to applicants, but  
instead carry a  
number of  
stipulations,  
including but not  
limited to the  
requirement to give  
equal time to  
opposing viewpoints.  
What ever happened  
to that?

sincerely, Michael  
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